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Dear Sir:

Applicant requests entry of the following amendment.  
**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.  
**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.  
**Applicant's Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.